

## India reportedly warns Twitter of 'unintended consequences'

India's government has warned Twitter that it could face "unintended consequences" if it fails to comply with the country's new social media rules, according to Reuters. India's technology minister wrote in a June 5th letter to Twitter that the company's responses to previous government letters about the new rules did not confirm whether Twitter was in full compliance, Reuters reported.

Under India's Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code, which took effect in May, social media companies could be subject to legal action if they fail to follow the code's provisions, which are aimed at regulating the platforms' content. The new rules call for platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and WhatsApp to remove content within 36 hours of receiving a legal order.

The rules also require the companies to have a grievance officer who acknowledges users' complaints within 24 hours, a chief compliance officer, and a contact person who would be available to law enforcement agencies 24 hours a day.



## Imported phones get costlier; prices down for headphones, local laptops

According to the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2021-22, the prices of imported mobile phones will increase.

On the other hand, the prices will go down for locally manufactured or assembled blender, juicer, mixer, grinder, electric kettle, rice cooker, multi-cooker, pressure cooker, washing machine, microwave oven, and electric oven.

The prices for locally produced computer, laptop, notebook, notepad, tab, keyboard, mouse, motherboard, power bank, router, network switch, network device/hub, speaker, sound system, earphone, headphone, pen drive, micro SD card, flash memory card, CCTV, monitor, projector, USB cable, data cable, etc. will also decrease, according to the new budget.



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## ONE COUNTRY, ONE RATE Internet at flat rate across the country

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) is setting a fixed rate for broadband internet across the country. According to BTRC, as cited in several media reports, internet service providers (ISPs) have to provide connections at the same price in every part of the country. Service providers will have the freedom to charge less than the benchmark rate but not more.

'One Country, One Rate', as BTRC has named the program, will offer three packages for internet users across the country. According to a report of Prothom Alo, the price of the first package could be a maximum of BDT 500 per month, for a speed of 5 Mbps.



The price of the second package could be within BDT 600 per month, for a speed of 10 Mbps and the price could be within BDT 1,200 per month for a speed of 20 Mbps.

BTRC has not officially announced the price of these packages yet.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### It's all about finding your worth

This week, we ask an ages-old question: are unpaid internships worth it? Do you really want to spend your valuable time (and money, in some cases) doing 9-5 for three months without a single dime? Or does "paid in experience" have some benefits after all? Find out in this week's centrefold. In other news, we try to explain the stock market for noobs. Send us your "stonk" memes after you read it. In Bytes, we try to set up a home studio and for Shift, we reprint our review of the MG HS, in case you missed it. That's all for this week, folks.

Btw, have you watched M.O.D.O.K.?

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## Vivo Launches V21 in Bangladesh

Smartphone brand Vivo has launched its new V21 smartphone in Bangladesh. The device is the latest addition to Vivo's V-series smartphones.

The newly launched V21 showcases a unique Optical Image Stabilization (OIS) front camera equipped with a 44MP OIS Night Selfie System. The camera system includes innovative features like 44MP OIS Night Selfie, Selfie Spotlight and AI Night Portrait with AI Night Algorithm. On the back, there is a 64MP OIS Night Camera.

The phone's 7.29mm thin body features an E3 AMOLED display with a 90Hz high refresh rate. The phone has a glass back and nature-inspired colour options include a Sunset

Dazzle and a Dusk Blue.

The smartphone runs on an MTK Dimensity 800U processor. The V21 has 33W fast charging.

The V21 will be available in Bangladesh from June 6. The pre-booking session for the handset will run from June 1 to June 5. The selling price for the V21 is BDT 32,990 BDT. In Bangladesh, Vivo V21 will be available in Dusk Blue and Sunset Dazzle colour.

